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SUBJECT: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS: CAPE VERDE AND GUINEA-
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1. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING BACKGROUND AND TALKING POINTS
FOR SELECTED ISSUES WHICH WILL ARISE AT 33RD UNGA. THIS
MATERIAL IS CONDENSED FROM PAPERS PREPARED FOR CONSULTATIONS
NOW BEING CARRIED ON IN A NUMBER OF AFRICAN CAPITALS BY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE DALLEY OF IO. REGRET THE
LENGTH OF THIS CABLE, BUT TIGHT DEADLING YOU GAVE US
PRECLUDED POUCHING UP TO DATE BACKGROUND MATERIALS YOU
REQUESTED.

2. BACKGROUND AND TALKING POINTS:

A. RHODESIA
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US POSITION: THE UK AND US HAVE SENT A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO
DISCUSS THE PRESENT SITUATION WITH LEADERS OF THE FRONT
LINE, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE SALISBURY PARTIES. THEIR
MISSION IS TO NARROW DIFFERENCES SUFFICIENTLY SO THAT A
LATER ALL PARTIES MEETING, INCLUDING SECRETARIES VANCE AND
OWEN, COULD TAKE PLACE WITH SOME HOPE OF SUCCESS.

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-- THE US CONTINUES TO STAND WITH THE UK IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT AN ALL PARTIES MEETING AND NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH SUFFICIENT COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE SALISBURY PARTIES TO PERMIT AN AGREEMENT IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- THE UN HAS ALREADY TAKEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION THROUGH THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL PREM CHAND TO DISCUSS MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS WITH THE PARTIES. IF A FINAL NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS REACHED, THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN PROVIDES FOR A MAJOR UN ROLE. YOUR SUPPORT AND THAT OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IS NECESSARY IF THIS ENDEAVOR, SO IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, IS TO BE ACCEPTED AND TO SUCCEED.

B. NAMIBIA

US POSITION: THE FIVE HAVE INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT NO UNILATERAL POLITICAL ACTION LEADING TO TRANSITION COULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE LETTER OR SPIRIT OF THE PROPOSAL IF TAKEN PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NAMIBIA. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED CERTAIN
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POSITIVE STEPS WHICH SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT TAKE, SUCH AS THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE SWAPO LEADERS DETAINED UNDER ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL PROCLAMATION NO.26, FREE ACCESS TO AN AUTONOMOUS NAMIBIAN BROADCAST MEDIA, A CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD, AND OTHERS. DON MCHENRY WAS RECENTLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO EXPLAIN THE CONTACT GROUP POSITION AND GET THINGS MOVING AGAIN. HE WAS WELL RECEIVED IN ZAMBIA AND BY SEVERAL INTERNAL NAMIBIAN GROUPS IN WINDHOEK, BUT HIS RECEPTION IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS COOL.

TALKING POINTS:

-- THE WESTERN PLAN OFFERS THE ONLY FORESEEABLE ROUTE TO A NEGOTIATED, INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA AND OBIVATE THE POSSIBILITY OF NON-AFRICAN INTERVENTION THERE.

-- WE SHOULD NOT PERMIT INCIDENTS SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA'S REPREHENSIBLE RAID ON CASSINGA TO CAUSE US TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE GOAL OF PROMPT TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA.

-- THE FIVE ARE CONTINUING THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES TO ASSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT AND NOT PERMIT MATTERS TO DRIFT OUT OF CONTROL.

-- THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROPOSAL WILL HAVE IMPORTANT

IMPLICATIONS FOR RHODESIA AND, EQUALLY, FOR THE UN AS AN INSTITUTION.

C. WESTERN SAHARA

US POSITION (FOR YOUR BACK GROUND): THE US HAS CONSISTENTLY PROCLAIMED ITSELF NEUTRAL ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SAHARA ISSUE. HOWEVER, AS OUR UN VOTE AND OUR ASSURANCES TO THE FRENCH OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ACTIONS IN THE SAHARA HAVE SHOWN, OUR POSITION HAS IN FACT BEEN TILTED IN FAVOR OF MORROCCO. SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE THIS QUITE CLEAR TO KING HASSAN ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO RECOGNIZE MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN CLAIMS TO THE SAHARA, AND -ONCERNS OVER LEGAL AND CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFICULTIES CAUSED US TO REFUSE TO SELL TO MOROCCO CERTAIN ARMAMENT DESTINED FOR USE IN THE SAHARA DESPI-E OUR LONGSTANDING ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. THIS DECISION CURRENTLY IS UNDER REVIEW AND MAY BE INFLUENCED BY MOROCCO'S ROLE IN THE ZAIRE OPERATION AND THE CONCERNS RAISED BY CONTINUING SOVIET/CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

US CONSIDERATION: THE WESTERN SAHARA HAS BEEN RAISED ANNUALLY IN THE UN AND AT NON-ALIGNED GATHERINGS BUT THUS FAR WITHOUT RESU'T. AS NEITHER SIDE HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO DEFEAT THE OTHER, A COMPROMISE IS HABITUALLY REACHED WHICH REFERS CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL BODY, THE OAU. THAT ORGANIZATION HAS AGREED TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SUMMIT TO CONSIDER THE SAHARA BUT SEVERAL ATTEMPTS HAVE FAILED WHEN TOO FEW AFRICAN LEADERS, SOME SAY AS A RESULT OF MOROCCAN URGING, HAVE BEEN WILLING TO ATTEND. THE SAHARA IS NEXT SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OAU AT THE ORGANIZATIONS' REGULAR SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN KHARTOUM IN JULY.

TALKING POINTS:

- THE UNITED STATES REMAINS NEUTRAL ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SAHARA ISSUE.
 - WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE MATTER RESOLVED PEACEFULLY, IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT AND WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF THE SUPERPOWERS.
 - THE OAU IS AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODY TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION, AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.
 - THE UNITED NATIONS HAS CONSISTENTLY REFERRED THE QUESTION OF THE SAHARA TO THE OAU FOR CONSIDERATION. WE HOPE THAT THE OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM DURING JULY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE
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EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO SET THE PROCESS OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN MOTION. IF THE OAU SUMMIT CANNOT TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES, WE ASSUME THAT THE ISSUE WILL COME UP AT THE 33RD UNGA.

--UNLESS THERE IS SOME PRIOR PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS AMONG

THE PARTIES, THE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD SEEM TO BE TO REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE OAU.

D. APARTHEID

US POSITION: ALL RECENT US ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED PUBLICLY THEIR ABHORENCE OF APARTHEID. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE CLEAR TO SOUTH AFRICA REPEATEDLY AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN FAILURE TO TAKE STEPS TO PROMOTE BASIC SOCIAL CHANGE LEADING TO FULL PARTICIPATION BY ALL SOUTH AFRICANS IN THEIR NATIONAL LIFE WILL RESULT IN THE DETERIORATION OF THE US/SOUTH AFRICA RELATIONSHIP. IN THE ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE OF SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT THE US TOOK THE FOLLOWING INITIAL STEPS WHICH HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA:

--WE SUPPORTED SC RESOLUTION 418 IN WHICH THE UN FOR THE FIRST TIME TOOK CHAPTER VII ACTION AGAINST A MEMBER STATE, BY ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

--THE US HAS MADE CERTAIN PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS IN OUR MISSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

-- WE NOW DENY MOST EXIM FACILITIES TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ARE REVIEWING OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT COUNTRY TO SEE WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES MIGHT BE WARRANTED.

--WE BELIEVE THAT US FIRMS OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD ADHERE TO A LIBERAL CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL EQUALITY AMONG ALL SOUTH AFRICANS, REGARDLESS OF RACE.

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THE US IS CONTINUING TO MONITOR THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA CLOSELY ALTHOUGH AT THIS TIME WE COULD NOT AGREE TO THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE CONTINUATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENT POLICIES WILL MAKE THE CONTINUATION OF OUR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT.

TALKING POINTS:

-- THE US ABHORS APARTHEID AND HAS CONDEMNED IT IN THE UN AND IN BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH THE SAG AS A DEGRADING AND ODIUS PRACTICE.

-- IN SUPPORT OF THE US POLICY CALLING FOR THE REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF US-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF MEANINGFUL SOCIAL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, WE HAVE TAKEN CONSCIOUS STEPS TO DOWNGRADE OUR RELATIONSHIP (NOTE TICKED ITEMS IN BACKGROUND ABOVE).

-- AS EVIDENCE OF THE IMPACT OF THESE MEASURES, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS AND SOUTH AFRICA OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN TO

REFERRING TO THE US AS "PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER 1."

-- THE US FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT APARTHEID AND DOES NOT INTEND TO LET THE MATTER REST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE MEASURED STEPS TO PURSUE OUR AIM OF CONVINCING SOUTH AFRICA TO DO AWAY WITH APARTHEID.

--HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING WILL BE GAINED BY THE FURTHER INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, PARTICULARLY THROUGH ITS EXPULSION FROM THOSE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FROM WHICH IT HAS NOT YET BEEN EXPELLED. SUCH ACTIONS TEND TO POLITICIZE THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, DETRACTING FROM WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THEIR TECHNICAL, APOLITICAL PURPOSES.

-- LIKEWISE THE UNITED STATES CANNOT SUPPORT BROAD

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RESOLUTIONS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE SECURITY COUNCIL CALLING FOR A WIDE RANGE OF SANCTIONS OR THE ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA. WE DO NOT WISH TO SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT BY IMPOSING CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS ON A MEMBER STATE SOLELY BECAUSE OF ITS INTERNAL POLITICAL POLICIES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE MAY DISAGREE WITH THEM.

-- ADDITIONALLY, WE FEEL THAT ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF UN RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND ENFORCEABLE. IN THE CASE OF SOUTH AFRICA, ACTIONS TAKEN SHOULD HAVE AS THEIR GOALS THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THAT COUNTRY TO END THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID, NOT THE PUNISHMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

-- WE SUPPORT MODERATE RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING APARTHEID AND PROPOSING CERTAIN ACTIONS SHORT OF SANCTIONS, AS OUR VOTING RECORD DURING THE 32ND UNGA DEMONSTRATES. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BE EQUALLY SUPPORTIVE DURING THE UPCOMING GA.

E. UN RESTRUCTURING

US POSITION: THE US CONSIDERS THAT THERE ARE PROMISING POSSIBILITIES IN THE CURRENT EFFORTS ON RESTRUCTURING. ON MARCH 2, THE PRESIDENT SENT TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE A REPORT

ENTITLED "REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM." THE REPORT INDICATES THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO GIVE A HIGH PRIORITY TO RESOLVING ISSUES WITHIN THE UN FRAMEWORK AND ITS BELIEF THAT REFORM IN A NUMBER OF AREAS IS URGENTLY NEEDED. WITHIN THE SECTION OF THE REPORT CONCERNING ACHIEVING GREATER EFFICIENCY IN THE UN SYSTEM, IT RECOMMENDS SUPPORTING RECENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE AND REFORM THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BEST BE DONE BY A REASONED APPROACH TOWARD CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEAR AND APPROPRIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NEW POSITIONS. THE PERSONNEL TO BE SELECTED FOR THESE KEY POSITIONS NEED TO BE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER.

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TALKING POINTS:

-- THE US HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED EFFORTS AT RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS.

-- WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESTRUCTURING DECISIONS IS NOW UNDERWAY. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBER STATES TO SUPPORT THESE ACTIVITIES.

-- THE RECRUITMENT OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR THE NEW POSITIONS CREATED, TOGETHER WITH CLEAR AND APPROPRIATE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THESE FUNCTIONS, IS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR UN ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

-- THE US SUPPORTS DIRECTOR GENERAL DADZIE IN HIS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SPHERES.

F. LAW OF THE SEA

BACKGROUND: SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE ON SOME ISSUES AT THE RECENTLY RECESSED SEVENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA IN GENEVA. PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING WERE: (A) THE EMERGING ACCOMMODATION OF THE VIEWS OF COASTAL STATES AND LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES (LL/GDS) WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER'S ACCESS TO FISHERIES IN THE 200-MILES ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REGION; (B) AGREEMENT ON IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROVISIONS; AND (C) THE SERIOUS

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WORK ACCOMPLISHED ON VARIOUS SEABED MINING ISSUES.

US POSITION: CONSIDERABLE WORK REMAINS BEFORE EITHER THE SEABED MINING PROVISIONS OR THE NEGOTIATING TEXT AS A WHOLE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR INCLUSION IN A DRAFT TREATY. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THE MOMENTUM ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA BE MAINTAINED AT THE RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 21-SEPTEMBER 15 IN NEW YORK AND THAT GOVERNMENTS BE REPRESENTED THERE AT THE NORMAL HIGH LEVEL.

TALKING POINTS:

-- THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE RECENTLY IN GENEVA ON SOME ISSUES BUT RECOGNIZES THAT MUCH HARD WORK REMAINS.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO MAKE AN INTENSE EFFORT IN NEW YORK TO RESOLVE REMAINING DIFFERENCES.

G. PUERTO RICO

US POSITION: DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONSTITUTES AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES. US POLICY ON PUERTO RICO IS BASED ON COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE FREELY CHOSEN THEIR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN 1952 THEY APPROVED COMMONWEALTH STATUS AND APPROVED THEIR PRESENT CONSTITUTION. SUPPORT FOR COMMONWEALTH STATUS WAS REAFFIRMED BY 60.41 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS IN 1976 STATUS REFERENDUM. ONLY 0.68 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE IN THAT REFERENDUM, WHILE 38.98 PERCENT VOTED FOR STATEHOOD. ADDITIONALLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE ARE REGULAR FREE ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO ELECT THEIR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE, THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH WAS ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976. THE PARTICIPATION OF PRO-INDEPENDENCE PARTIES IN THE ELECTIONS IS LEGAL BUT THEY HAVE NEVER GAINED THE SUPPORT OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE. IN 1976 THE COMBINED VOTE OF THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY AND THE PRO-INDEPENDENCE SOCIALIST PARTY CAME TO

ONLY 6 PERCENT.

TALKING POINTS:

-- WE EXPECT THE COMMITTEE OF 24 TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

-- THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO BECAME SELF-GOVERNING IN 1952 AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGREED IN 1953 THAT THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES. WE CONSIDER THAT THE ANNUAL DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE IS INAPPROPRIATE, AND WE WOULD FIRMLY OPPOSE ANY ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION INTO OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

-- UNITED STATES POLICY ON PUERTO RICO, WHICH WE VIEW AS A DOMESTIC MATTER, IS BASED ON RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS STATED THAT HE WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER STATUS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WISH FOR THE TERRITORY.

H. UN DECADE AGAINST RACISM

BACKGROUND AND ISSUES:

IN RESOLUTION 3057 (XXVIII), ADOPTED NOVEMBER 15, 1973, THE CONFIDENTIAL

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UNGA DESIGNATED THE 10-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 10, 1973 AS THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND HAD THE FIRM SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE U.S. WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE DRAFTING OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE IN THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS PROGRAM IS ANNEXED TO GA RESOLUTION 3057.

ON NOVEMBER 10, 1975 THE UNGA IN RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX) DETERMINED "THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION." IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THAT RESOLUTION THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN THE DECADE, AND SPECIFICALLY IN A MAJOR DECADE EVENT, THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SINCE THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 3379 NO UN ORGAN HAS EVER EXPRESSLY REAFFIRMED IT. IN ALL SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE DECADE AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE ADOPTED BY THE ECOSOC AND THE UNGA NO MENTION IS MADE OF RESOLUTION 3379. THE WORLD CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN GENEVA AUGUST 14-25, 1978. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE WERE MADE BY THE 32ND UNGA IN RESOLUTION 32/129. THE RE-

PORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE A SEPARATE ITEM ON THE 33RD UNGA AGENDA.

US POSITION: THE UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE DECADE AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF NON-PARTICIPATION. UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES HAVE STATED IN THE PAST THAT WE COULD RESUME PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE ONLY IF THE LINK BETWEEN THE DECADE AND UNGA RESOLUTION 3379 WERE BROKEN. IN OUR VIEW THIS BREAK IN THE LINK HAS NEVER HAPPENED, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE WELCOMED THE FACT THAT RESOLUTION 3379 HAS UP TO NOW NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY INVOLVED IN ANY SUBSEQUENT UN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE DECADE OR THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

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TALKING POINTS:

-- OUR POSITION OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE IS WELL KNOWN. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WITHOUT A SPECIFIC BREAK IN THE LINK BETWEEN THE DECADE AND RESOLUTION 3379 THE HIGH PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE DECADE WAS CONCEIVED HAVE BEEN PERVERTED.

-- UNFORTUNATELY, IN OUR VIEW, THE LINK BETWEEN THE DECADE AND RESOLUTION 3379 HAS NEVER BEEN BROKEN. THIS VIEW LED US TO RESTATE OUR POSITION AT THE LAST ECOSOC SESSION OF CONTINUED NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE. WE REGRETFULLY WILL BE UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE.

-- OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS MEASURES TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AS THESE TERMS ARE GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD, LEADS US TO HOPE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT REVIVAL OF RESOLUTION 3379.

-- IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE HAVANA MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU, NOT ONLY REAFFIRMED THE ZIONISM AS RACISM LINK, BUT ASKED ALL NON-ALIGNED STATES TO TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN AUGUST. WE HOPE THAT THE OAU WILL NOT ENDORSE THE HAVANA POSITION. THIS LINKAGE WORKS TO THE DETRIMENT OF THOSE STATES IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE WHICH ARE SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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